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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

**NINTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF ASK LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED AS COUNSEL
TO THE LITIGATION DESIGNEES FOR THE PERIOD OF
JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 31, 2021**

Name of Applicant:	ASK LLP
Authorized to Provide Services to:	Litigation Designees ²
Retention Date:	July 26, 2019 nunc pro tunc to April 1, 2019 as to retention as special avoidance action counsel to the Debtors; December 1, 2020 as to retention as counsel to the Litigation Designees for the Jointly Asserted Causes of Action ³
Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement Is Sought	July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021
Monthly Fees Incurred:	\$1,140.00
Monthly Expenses Incurred:	\$5,453.80
Total Fees and Expenses Requested:	\$6,593.80
This is a <u> x </u> monthly <u> </u> interim <u> </u> final	

² Pursuant to the *Order (I) Confirming Modified Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Sears Holdings Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the "Confirmation Order") [D.I. 529], the Litigation Designees shall comprise (a) Patrick J. Bartels, (b) Eugene I. Davis, and (c) Raphael T. Wallander, as the Creditors' Committee's designees, and (x) Alan J. Carr and (y) William L. Transier, as the Debtors' designees, which designees shall become the initial members of the Liquidating Trust Board upon the Effective Date pursuant to Section 10.6(a) of the Plan.

³ The Confirmation Order, among other things, granted the Creditors' Committee joint standing with the Debtors to prosecute the Jointly Asserted Causes of Action, subject to the oversight of the Litigation Designees, which designees shall become the initial members of the Liquidating Trust Board upon the effective date of the Plan. The Jointly Asserted Causes of Action are those actions defined in paragraph 17 of the Confirmation Order.

ASK LLP (“ASK”), counsel to the Litigation Designees, which designees were identified pursuant to the Confirmation Order for Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits this statement of fees and disbursements (the “Ninth Monthly Fee Statement”) covering the period from July 1, 2021 through and including July 31, 2021 (the “Compensation Period”) in accordance with the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (the “Interim Compensation Order”) [ECF No. 796]. By the Ninth Monthly Fee Statement, ASK requests (a) interim allowance and payment of compensation in the amount of \$1,140.00 for fees on account of reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Litigation Designees by ASK and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$5,453.80 incurred by ASK during the Compensation Period.

**FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED
DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD**

Exhibit A sets forth a timekeeper summary that includes the respective names, positions, hourly billing rates and aggregate hours spent by each ASK professional and paraprofessional who provided services to the Litigation Designees during the Compensation Period. The rates charged by ASK for services rendered to the Litigation Designees are the same rates that ASK charges generally for professional services rendered to all hourly bankruptcy clients.

Exhibit B sets forth a complete itemization of tasks performed by ASK professionals and paraprofessionals who provided services to the Litigation Designees during the Compensation Period.

**EXPENSES INCURRED
DURING THE COMPENSATION PERIOD**

Exhibit C sets forth a complete itemization of disbursements incurred by ASK in

connection with services rendered to the Litigation Designees during the Compensation Period.

NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES

Notice of this Ninth Monthly Fee Statement shall be given by overnight delivery or email where available upon (i) Sears Holdings Corporation, 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179, Attention: Mohsin Y. Meghji (email: mmeghji@miiipartners.com); (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10153, Attention: Ray C. Schrock (email: ray.schrock@weil.com), Jacqueline Marcus (email: jacqueline.marcus@weil.com), Garrett A. Fail (email: garrett.fail@weil.com), and Sunny Singh (email: sunny.singh@weil.com); (iii) William K. Harrington, the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attention: Paul Schwartzberg (e-mail: paul.schwartzberg@usdoj.gov) and Richard Morrissey (e-mail: richard.morrissey@usdoj.gov); (iv) counsel to Bank of America, N.A., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attention: Paul D. Leake (email: paul.leake@skadden.com), Shana A. Elberg (email: shana.elberg@skadden.com) and George R. Howard (email: george.howard@skadden.com); (v) Paul E. Harner, fee examiner, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 (e-mail: harnerp@ballardspahr.com); and (vi) counsel to the fee examiner, Ballard Spahr LLP, 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Vincent J. Marriott (e-mail: marriott@ballardspahr.com) and Tobey M. Daluz (e-mail: daluzt@ballardspahr.com) (collectively, the “Notice Parties”).

Objections to this Ninth Monthly Fee Statement, if any, must be filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties so as to be received no later than **September 1, 2021** (the “Objection Deadline”), setting forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue (an “Objection”).

If no Objections to this Ninth Monthly Fee Statement are filed and served as set forth above, the Debtors shall promptly pay the fees and expenses identified herein.

If an Objection to this Ninth Monthly Fee Statement is received on or before the Objection Deadline, the Debtors shall withhold payment of that portion of this Ninth Monthly Fee Statement to which the Objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth above. To the extent such an Objection is not resolved, it shall be preserved and scheduled for consideration at the next interim fee application hearing to be held by the Court.

Dated: August 18, 2021

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Exhibit A

Timekeeper Summary

Name of Professional	Position	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Miskowiec, Laurie	Paralegal	\$300.00	3.00	\$900.00
Esslinger, Jean	Paralegal	\$300.00	0.80	\$240.00

Exhibit B

Itemized Fees

Professional Services

		<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/14/2021	JE Miscellaneous Filed Affidavits of Foreign Service documents on the docket and updated SOAR.	0.80 300.0/hr	240.0
7/26/2021	LNP Draft Pleading Draft CNO and Proposed Order for 1st Interim Fee Application. E-file and email order to Chambers.	1.00 300.0/hr	300.0
	LNP Draft Pleading Prepare 2nd Interim Fee application. E-file and prepare for service.	2.00 300.0/hr	600.0
	For professional services rendered	<u>3.80</u>	<u>\$1,140.0</u>
Additional Charges :			

Exhibit C

Itemized Expenses

Disbursement Activity	Amount
Telephone	\$0.40
Service Fees (Foreign Service)	\$5,414.00
Photocopies	\$1.30
Legal Research	\$38.10